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## WIFE BARES ODD 'TRIANGLE' MURDER

### Tells Of 'Advances' By White

A white man charged with the shotgun killing of a Negro farmer in Franklin, Ky., during a hassle ignited by "advances" in Tennessee, involving the farmer's wife, must stand trial a second time as result of a jury's failure to reach a verdict in the first.

John Will Appelby, 25-year-old Simpson County tenant farmer, is slated to be tried again at the next term of court for the slaying of Charles Randolph. A brother Truman Appelby, 35, is also under separate trial.

Mrs. Randolph, a tall slender built woman, testified that the shooting came after her husband asked the two white brothers to leave their tenant home after John Will made "advances" to her there.

She said the man first made advances to her as she rode between the white brothers on the front seat of their pick-up truck enroute to Portland, Tenn. to buy moonshine whiskey. Her husband

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### Loads Of Prizes For Home Show

The Tri-State Defender's prize bin started bulging this past week and it'll be getting bigger and bigger each week until the hundreds of lucky homemakers destined to win the expensive free gifts come and cart them away.

Already in the prize bin are furniture, modern appliances, quality clothing, beautiful jewelry and record albums featuring hit tunes by popular artists. These and many more gifts are being provided by participating business firms.

They will be given away during the Defender's third annual Home Service and Farm Exposition which is to be held at Club Ebony, 1st, 2, 3 and 4. Prizes will be awarded during the daily sessions between 1:30 and 4:30 and again at the night sessions 7:30 till 11.

SOME OF FIRMS  
Firms already agreed to participate.

### Cage Tourney At Woodstock Set

The regional basketball tourney for elementary schools of Shelby county will be held in the Woodstock Training school gymnasium Friday and Saturday, March 30-31.

Principal Edward Gray, of Brunswick school, tourney director, announced that eight boys teams and five girls teams will participate. He said Friday's game begin at 7:30; Saturday night with the game begin at 2:30 p.m. and Saturday's game begin at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday's game begin at 7:30 p.m.

The two top teams from each of four districts of the county will participate. Capleville and Ford Road school represent the boys teams from District 1.

District 2, of which Mt. Pisgah is the center, will be represented by Eads and Mt. Pisgah boys and by Germantown and Eads girls.

Districts 3 and 4  
District 3, which has its center at Barrett's Chapel, will be represented by Arlington and Brunswick boys and by Barrett's Chapel and Arlington girls.

District 4, with Harrold High as center, will be represented by Millington and Springhill boys and Springhill girls.

Friday matchings pit Capleville against Mt. Pisgah, Arlington against Springhill, Eads against Ford Road and Millington against Brunswick in boys play. Springhill girls meet Arlington and the other girls teams, Germantown, Barrett's and Eads drew boys.

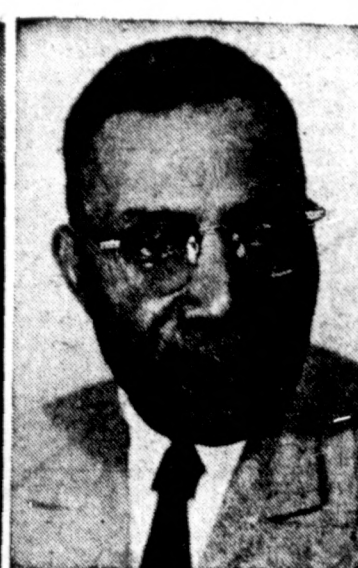
### Leaders In Two-Week Revival



**SIMULTANEOUS REVIVAL LEADERS**—These widely known local Baptist ministers are among the leaders in the simultaneous revival to be held here April 1-13 with 40 churches.



es taking part. A number of evangelists and guest ministers have been scheduled for participation. From left are Rev. C. M. Lee, pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist church, gen-



eral chairman; Rev. L. A. Hamblin, president of the Baptist Pastors' Conference; Rev. Roy Love, president of the Baptist Pastors' Alliance, and



Rev. L. P. Patrick, one of the evangelists to serve. Rev. L. H. Aldridge, pastor of Greater Mt. Pleasant, and revival co-chairman, is not shown.

### An Appeal To Whites, Negroes

A few days ago an editorial came to our desk which suggested a course of action that can be of mutual benefit to both Negroes and whites during the current period of tension, and thereafter. It is one of mutual friendliness, through which a fuller understanding can be gained of the Negro's struggle for first-class American citizenship. Excerpts from the editorial, published by THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, a white publication, follows:

"Once again we should like to urge all people of Christian good will to do all in their power to exercise a moderating influence now before Southern race conditions become any more serious.

"And as is so often the case, the greatest opportunity may lie not in big things or gigantic programs but just in friendlier everyday relations between our white people and our colored people. As one Southerner said a day or two ago, 'Since these racial tensions have increased I have increased my efforts to show the other race little courtesies and kindnesses that I may have been overlooking heretofore.' We also know of Negroes who are showing increased appreciation of their white friends with a tact and courtesy such as the finest persons in the Negro race have always been noted for.

"... As one Progressive Farmer reader suggested several years ago, perhaps the greatest force for racial good will would be for each white person and each colored person to try to find each day some opportunity to do a kind deed or speak a kind word to some person of the other race.

"We also cherish the faith that in many communities there is still a chance for some of the fairest-minded white people and the fairest-minded colored people to consult together and work out policies that can keep their localities peaceful, regardless of what happens elsewhere."

The Tri-State Defender feels that this can be true of Memphis through Christian, unselfish and courageous leadership on both sides of the fence.

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### No NAACP Unit For Students

KNOXVILLE — With the statement that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People "falls into the category of a political action group," the dean of students at the University of Tennessee here banned the organization of a chapter of the organization among the white students on the campus.

A group of white students had formally requested permission to form a chapter of the NAACP on the campus.

Dean Ralph E. Dunford, speaking for the university's Administrative Council, said the request had been rejected. The council is composed of deans and major professors.

Dean Dunford said the council decided, after a study of the N. A. A. C. P. constitution that the chapter of the organization should not be permitted. He said such groups are not sanctioned officially on the campus.

He said the petition was signed exclusively by white students, although the university has about 20 Negroes enrolled in its graduate school.

### NAACP To Campaign For 400,000 Members

NEW YORK — A nation-wide N. A. A. C. P. Membership Campaign with a goal of 400,000 members will open on April 1, it was announced here this week by Miss Lucille Black, the association's membership secretary.

The plan of the campaign is to raise the total membership of the NAACP by 33 per cent, as urged by Dr. Channing H. Tobias, board chairman.

### 40 Churches In Annual Easter Season Revival

The Baptist Simultaneous Revival, an annual service at the Easter season, will be conducted this year April 1-13 with 40 churches participating. Nine noonday joint services have been scheduled in addition to a city-wide mass meeting.

Rev. C. M. Lee, pastor of Pilgrim Rest, is general chairman of the revival, and Rev. L. H. Aldridge, pastor of Greater Mt. Pleasant, is co-chairman. Rev. Roy Love is president of the Baptist Pastors' Alliance while Rev. L. A. Hamblin heads the Baptist Pastors' Conference.

The city-wide mass meeting has been scheduled for Metropolitan Baptist church, Rev. S. A. Owen, pastor, on Sunday, April 8 at 3 p.m. Speaker for the mass meeting will be Rev. M. S. Sykes, evangelist.

#### THE FIRST WEEK

Noonday services of the first week will be as follows:  
Tuesday, April 3 — Lake Grove, 2950 Wren, Rev. C. Jones, pastor; Rev. E. M. Brown, speaker.  
Wednesday, April 4 — Tree of Life, 38 W. Colorado, Rev. W. P. Scott, pastor; Rev. A. J. King, speaker.

Thursday, April 5 — Union Valley, Rev. G. T. Thomas, pastor; Rev. A. H. Banks, speaker.  
Friday, April 6 — Greater Mt. Zion, 1414 Davis, Rev. E. V. Mc-

#### SECOND WEEK

Noonday services for the second week:  
Monday, April 9 — St. John, 640 Vance, Rev. A. McEwen Williams, pastor; Rev. F. B. Brown, speaker.

Tuesday, April 10 — Castalia, 1540 Castalia, Rev. C. Mims, pastor; Rev. E. J. Cole, speaker.  
Wednesday, April 11 — Mt. Giliam, 1029 Raymond, Rev. E. Bate pastor; Rev. L. P. Patrick, speaker.

Thursday, April 12 — Columbus, 324 N. Decatur, Rev. A. E. Campbell, pastor; Rev. R. S. Ruckett, speaker.

Friday, April 13 — Pilgrim Rest, Rev. C. M. Lee, pastor; Rev. S. C. Long, speaker.

#### CHURCHES TAKING PART

The participating churches (with church pastor and evangelist listed in that order) are:  
Pilgrim Rest, Rev. C. M. Lee, See 40 CHURCH, Page 2

### Bus Lawyer Gives Views On Incident

The young woman fined \$16 in City Court last week because she refused to move to a section of a bus "For Colored" cannot appeal the City Court fine to Circuit Court unless she can show legal or reasonable ground for not filing appeal within two days.

Judge Beverly Boushe fined Miss Maurice White, 18, of 1800 Hunter, commenting that "it will be a sad state of affairs when a bus operator can't regulate his passengers and keep down disturbances."

W. C. Harder, bus operator, testified he was attracted by a commotion behind him last Monday as he drove north on Main. He said passengers started leaving the vehicle at Jefferson, claiming they anticipated trouble.

#### 'NO REASON TO MOVE'

He said that, at the request of other bus patrons, he asked Miss White four times to move from the seat directly behind him.

Miss White told Judge Boushe she saw no reason why she should move.

Palmer Miller, attorney for the transit firm, reminded the court of a state code section which requires transit companies to designate the Negro and white sections in its vehicles.

Further clarifying this statement Sunday, Atty. Miller said there are no designated number of seats for either race. He said Negroes start loading from the rear and whites from the front.

Atty. Miller said that it is the desire of Memphis Street Railway company to give satisfactory service to both Negro and white but "as long as the law is what it is" the company must abide by it.

#### NEED NEGRO AND WHITE

He said the company needs the

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### Easter Egg Hunts At 6 Playgrounds

The city recreation department will co-sponsor Easter Egg hunts on six Negro playgrounds Saturday, March 31, beginning at 2 p.m. and lasting for two hours. The two-hour programs include talent shows, games and bonnet and basket parades.

W. T. McDaniel, general supervisor of Negro playgrounds and who will be in charge of the Easter Egg hunts, said many prizes will be given boys and girls taking part. The hunts will be held rain or shine, Mr. McDaniel said.

Playgrounds where hunts will be held:

Beale Street, Miss Helen Wright and Richard Banks, directors, with the Beale Street Business Men as co-sponsors.

OTHER PLAYGROUNDS  
Dixie Homes, Miss Joan Bramlett and James Boone, directors, with Dixie Homes Tenant association as co-sponsor.

Douglass, Miss Annie Marie Allen, director, with Douglass PTA as co-sponsor.

Footie Homes, Miss Theodora Robinson and U. S. Hunt, directors, with Footie Homes and Clea-borne Homes Tenant association as co-sponsor.

Klondyke, George Warren, director, with the Klondyke PTA as co-sponsor.

LeMoynes Gardens, Miss Fannie Cole and George Clark, directors, with the LeMoynes Gardens Tenant association as co-sponsor.

## Name 7 To Race Relations Committee

The selection of citizens to the Negro executive committee of the Greater Memphis Race Relations organization was announced last week.

The members are: A. Maceo Walker, president of Universal Life Insurance; Rev. John Mickie, pastor of Second Congregational church; James T. Walker, well known labor leader; Hollis Price,

president of LeMoynes college; Blair T. Hunt, minister and principal of Booker T. Washington High; Rev. S. A. Owen, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist church and Father St. Julian Simpkins, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal church.

Reports that A. Maceo Walker had been selected to serve as chairman of the group was not confirmed by Mr. Walker.

Rev. Owen stated that in the future a larger group would be invited to work with the committee. He is currently chairman of a volunteer group who selected members of the Negro executive committee named above.

The Race Relations committee, white, elected permanent officers. The overall Negro group is to

cooperate with a white executive committee in handling problems on a local level.

The Race Relations committee, white, elected permanent officers last week with W. W. "Bill" Scott, a vice president of the National Bank of Commerce as chairman. Two other white leaders of the organization are Dr. Paul Tudor Jones, vice chairman, and Her-

bert P. Jordan, as secretary. Dr. Jones is pastor of Idlewild Presbyterian church. Mr. Jordan, is president of Jordan Lumber Co. and a deacon of St. John's Episcopal church.

THE PURPOSE  
The committee was launched slightly more than a month ago for the avowed purpose of working for mutual understanding, and

harmony between white and Negro citizens in Memphis.

It has already been announced that the committee has identified itself as "neither pro-integrationist nor pro-segregationist". It is widely assumed to be an organization of "moderates" committed to a middle-of-the-roads policy in dealing with racial matters.

The three elected officers will appoint four members of the general committee to serve with them as a seven-man executive committee. The executive committee, in addition to directing affairs of the larger group, will be available to meet with any local, responsible group of either race where there is a need.



A. MACEO WALKER



REV. JOHN C. MICKLE



JAMES T. WALKER



HOLLIS PRICE



BLAIR T. HUNT



REV. S. A. OWEN



REV. ST. JULIAN SIMPKINS, JR.





**NEW FARMERS OF AMERICA** — These students of Shelby County schools comprising districts 6 and 7 participated in the Livestock Judging contest held Thursday, March 22 at Shelby County Penitentiary. They are: Woodstock chapter: Eddie Harris, Jimmy Murry, Walter Smith; Barretts Chapel-Billy Joe Anderson, Samuel Becton, Theo-

dis Macklin; E. A. Harold, Monroe Ford, L. V. Powell, W. E. Brown, Geeter, Floyd Cannon, Richard Jones, Willie B. Tate; Mt. Pisgah — George Hollis, James Bledsoe, Buford Malone. Others shown are Simmon Woody, Arthur Winfrey, Orlando Taylor, Bailey Dandridge, Willie Harvey, Eddie Weaver, Ezell Branch,

Wickard Bush, Willie Dixon, Charles Eldridge, James Geeter, George Holmes, B. I. Nance, and Frank Gray. Advisors were S. Lucas, Woodstock, H. M. Johnson, Barrett's chapel; O. Yarbrough, E. A. Harold; John W. Davis and J. S. Simmons, Geeter; J. S. Mabone and Vernon Jones, Mt. Pisgah.

## San Antonio Ends Public Segregation

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — In less than five minutes City Councilmen last week ended a century of segregation of whites and Negroes in public owned facilities.

They unanimously passed an ordinance repealing a 1954 ordinance requiring racial segregation in city swimming pools, and then threw open doors of all public functions in municipally owned facilities to "all persons on an equal basis."

City Atty. Carlos Cadena said the action is effective immediately. The ordinance covered public tennis courts, golf courses, swimming pools, rest rooms and the municipal auditorium.

All school districts here are already desegregated.

## \$654,237 In Assets Listed By St. Luke

RICHMOND, Va. — During its 88 years of existence the Independent Order of St. Luke has paid out \$3,330,010.75 in death benefits, it was reported during the recent semi-annual Trustee Board meeting here.

The report also showed the Order's assets to be \$654,237.67. It has a solvency of 163.01 per cent of \$63.01 over the required standards. Last year 277 members of the Order died and their beneficiaries were paid a total of \$52,201.



**SEN. ESTES KEFAUVER**

**Sen. Kefauver 'Sure' Of South**

LOS ANGELES — Sen. Estes Kefauver said Friday he feels confident he can carry the deep south because "the majority of people there feel about as I do — realizing the problem has to be worked out by thoughtful people."

Speaking at a news conference, the Tennessee legislator added: "The winds of demands for individual dignity are blowing all over the world — in Asia, Africa and the United States. I can't see how anyone can secede from the Supreme court."

## 4 Schools In NCC Festival

DURHAM, N. C. — North Carolina College's Physical Education Department is presenting its annual Dance Festival in Duke Auditorium Friday, April 6, at 8:15 p.m.

The participating colleges are Bennett College and A and T College, Greensboro; Duke University, Durham; and Winston-Salem College, Winston-Salem.

Ellis B. Gamble of Hampton Institute will be in charge of this session.

Mrs. Elizabeth White Brown is in charge of Dance instruction at NCC. Teachers from the other colleges are Miss Cynthia Chirer, Bennett College; Mrs. Sherma Lowe, A and T College; Miss Judith Hedgepeth, Duke University; and Miss Wilnetta Icell, Winston-Salem College.



**A.B. TOMMY C. SMITH, JR.**, son of Mrs. Willie Mae Gray, of 1915 Rile st., is presently being trained as a supply organizational specialist at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. At outside Cheyenne, the Air Force is training Airmen in many specialties.

## No Action

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the Memphis, Trades and Labor Council (AFL), and George W. Clark, president of Local 186 and past president of the Memphis CIO Council.

**PICKETS ASKED TO LEAVE**

Before the meeting began several of the pickets were asked to leave the building since the teachers had asked permission to hold a private meeting.

The pickets then gathered on the sidewalk where they bitterly criticized Gov. Frank Clement for not supporting the state Constitution banning integrated schools and U. A. W. President Walter Reuther for making contributions to the NAACP.

The pickets reportedly included O. H. Carter, chairman of the Frayser Pro-Southerners; George Ellis of Frayser; Joe Robertson of 953 Edith and other members of Local 988, United Automobile Workers. The union pickets charged that the AFL-CIO teachers' union supports the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Other officers include Rev. G. D. Jones, assistant secretary; Revs. R. R. Callahan, W. C. Thomas and W. N. Gray, devotional committee; Dr. H. C. Nabrit, publicity chairman; Rev. C. Mims, divine service chairman; Rev. A. McEwen Williams, fellowship chairman, and Rev. A. B. Williams, finance chairman.

## Lawyer

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patronage of both races, a n d "couldn't operate without either group."

Atty. Miller said the problem of seating arises when there are vacancies either at the front or back and either white or Negro patrons don't want to move from seats they held when the bus was more loaded.

Whites holding on to seats in the Negro section could be similarly fined, he said.

In handing out the fine Judge Boushe stated, "This court also takes the public welfare to be the supreme law of the land."

## Nunn Resigns Courier Post

George F. Brown who has been on the Pittsburgh Courier staff for the past 13 years, was named managing editor of the paper last week replacing William G. Nunn, who held the post for approximately 15 years.

Nunn who could not be reached for comment, resigned the job, but was offered another position with the company. He has worked for the paper for 35 years serving as national editor as well as managing editor.

At the same time the changes were made in the managing spot, Frank Bolden was appointed city editor, a post that has been vacant for some time.

Brown who was serving as magazine editor when he was promoted, has won a number of journalistic awards — having received the 1955 National Negro Publishers award for reporting and the 1954 Independent Press awards for journalism and as a columnist.

## New Fla. Legal Assistant Fired

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A Negro assistant state attorney who allegedly boasted that he had white secretaries taking dictation has been fired by Gov. Leroy Collins.

Henry Arrington, recently appointed aide to State Attorney George A. Brantigan in Miami, was relieved of his duties, pending a full-scale investigation into charges of "breach of confidence and misconduct."

Collins, who ordered the suspension said he would fire Arrington if the charges are proved true.

Arrington is alleged to have made the statements during a radio interview.

**Governor Speaks**

ITTA BENA, Miss. — An address by Gov. J. P. Coleman will highlight Mississippi Vocational college's observance of the sixth anniversary of its founding April 5-8.

## 40 Church

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Rev. L. P. Patrick; Tree of Life, Rev. W. P. Scott, Rev. E. D. McNeely; New Era, Rev. F. Briscoe, Rev. L. D. McGhee; Mt. Gilead, Rev. E. Bates; Greater Mt. Pleasant, Rev. L. H. Aldridge; Mt. Nebro, Rev. Roy Love, Rev. A. J. King; Person Avenue, Rev. B. J. Sykes, Rev. S. R. Ruckett; Columbus, Rev. A. E. Campbell.

New Macedonia, Rev. T. M. Henderson; Pleasant View, Rev. J. H. Walker, Rev. Brady Johnson; Golden Leaf, Rev. L. A. Hamlin, Rev. T. J. Hale; Little Rock, Rev. J. H. Johnson, Rev. R. R. Callahan; First Baptist Chelsea, Rev. Van J. Malone, Rev. S. C. Long; Castalia, Rev. C. Mims, Rev. W. P. Scott; Mt. Vernon, Rev. Cleophas McKenzie, Rev. E. J. Coles; Macedonia, Rev. L. M. Morganfield, Rev. R. H. Hendrick; First Baptist Magnolia, Rev. C. T. Nelson, Rev. R. E. W. C. Holmes, Rev. Aaton Hill.

Greater Mt. Zion, Rev. E. V. McGhee; Lane Avenue, Rev. J. W. Williams, Rev. M. S. Sykes; Keel Avenue, Rev. B. F. Collins; Metropolitan, Rev. S. A. Owens, Rev. C. H. Owens; St. John, Rev. A. McEwen Williams, Rev. C. H. Taylor; Greater White Stone, Rev. A. R. Williams, Rev. J. T. Stewart; Lake Grove, Rev. C. Jones; St. Paul, Rev. S. H. Herring.

## MORE CHURCHES

Jackson Avenue, Rev. W. L. Varnado, Rev. J. B. Outlaw; Antioch, Rev. O. V. Garner; Greater St. Matthew, Rev. J. B. Webb; New Hope, Rev. C. Burges; First Baptist Lauderdale, Rev. H. C. Nabrit; Greater First Baptist, Rev. W. C. Thomas; Pearly Gates, Rev. W. C. Jackson; Union Progressive, Rev. G. D. Jones; Mt. Moriah, Rev. R. W. Norsworthy; Olivet, Rev. E. W. Williamson; Burning Bush, Rev. J. W. Powell; Emmanuel, Rev. W. E. Ragsdale; East Trigg, Rev. W. H. Brewster; St. Jude, Rev. W. H. Mosby.

## Advances

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rode on the back of the truck. Attorney G. D. Milliken, Jr., of Bowling Green, representing Appley, charged that Randolph attacked the brothers after he surprised Mrs. Randolph "making improper advances to Truman."

Under cross-examination Mrs. Randolph said she and her husband entertained many whites at television parties at their tenant home on property owned by Franklin Mayor Paul Massey.

She denied that she told her husband on the death day that she didn't have to live with him "because I got a lot of white men."

Appley said the gun went off accidentally in a struggle for it. He testified "Mrs. Randolph had sided up to Truman there in the Randolph house and Charlie came in and caught her. That's how the argument got started."

Truman Appley, called as a defense witness, said he was "too drunk to remember" anything that happened "after we left Portland."

Commonwealth Atty. David Martin and County Atty. Roy Steers prosecuted.

Atty. Milliken, in his closing remarks, referred to John Will as a "good farm boy with a good reputation" but termed Mrs. Randolph as "a feisty woman—a woman who'd get a man in trouble."

"The entire argument started over her," he concluded.

James Crumlin, Louisville attorney and Kentucky State NAACP president, attended the trial as "special counsel" for Mrs. Randolph. He made it clear he was not there for the NAACP. Mrs. Randolph has moved to Louisville since the death of her husband.

## Home Show

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pate in co-sponsoring free prizes for attendants to the home show are Sam Fortas, Moskin's Credit Store, Fortner Clothing Store, Reliable Furniture Store, Beasley Furniture Store, Purnell Clothing Store, Buckley Furniture Store, Poplar Tunes Record Shop, Home of the Blues Record Shop, Lansky Brothers, Central Prescription Shop and Paul's Tailoring company.

Not in the bin yet, but sure to be, are those big family-sized baskets of groceries which have been a feature of every home show.

Following a meeting with the committee on show entertainment last week Exposition Director L. Alex Wilson announced that it appears public reaction for this year's exposition be far greater than in the past two years when the expositions attracted some 20,000 persons to the Hippodrome.

The home show provides businessmen of the area the largest single show place for their wares before an audience of thousands of the people who help spend the 200 million dollars of the area's minority group market.

It has gained sufficient support of churches, schools and other groups to become rated one of the spring's most outstanding events.

## Memphis Shape Up

# Showdown Looms Now On Political Front

Memphis was full of political factions by last week end and all appeared akin to the extent that peace was the missing element on the party-line breakdown.

The time-battered rift between New Guard and Old Guard Republicans was pushed from the limelight by the formation of a new political group called "Citizens for Progress." Leaders of the new unit are drawn from the old E. H. Crump organization.

An important goal of the "Citizens for Progress," says Atty. W. Percy McDonald, sr., and Sam O. Bates, co-chairmen, will be the election of a legislative delegation who will support interposition by Tennessee.

Another prime qualification the legislative group must have to gain favor with the new unit is a kind regard of the Commission form of government.

**COULD PRODUCE THIS**

These two goals of the new unit could well produce a combination of other voting factions of such strength as to elect legislators in August who will be both against interposition and commission form of city government.

Furthermore, Cong. Cliff Davis, a signer of the "Dixie Manifesto" and a speaker at the unit's formation, might well find himself facing the toughest fight of his political career. Mr. Davis condemned Sen. Estes Kefauver at the formation.

Interestingly enough, neither Memphis Mayor Edmund Orgill nor Comm. Henry Loeb, an independent, had invitations to Hotel Claridge luncheon for the birth of "Citizens for Progress."

**FAVORS COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM**

Though Mayor Orgill has been quiet on form or government since his election, it is known that he still favors council-manager. There is talk that Mayor Orgill and his backers will support a slate of legislators in August.

However, Mayor Orgill insists he has no knowledge of any move by his supporters to get up a slate for the state legislature or to back a candidate for Cong. Davis' seat.

Still not many feel that Mayor Orgill and his supporters are going to sit by and let "Citizens for Progress" elect a delegation known to be opposed to council-manager without lifting a thumb.

**MAYBE A MODERATE**

The same thing goes for Negro voters. They have no plans of standing by and letting an interposition slate get sent off to Nashville if it can be helped. They would also like to have an "acceptable" candidate running against Cong. Davis.

**Attends Press Meet**

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Wilton C. Scott, director of public relations at Savannah State college here, served for the fourth consecutive year as a consultant for the Columbia Scholastic Press association which met last week at Columbia university in New York.

Scott addressed the group on "Editing the News."

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## Easter Affair Extraordinaire

Happy Easter To You from the GERSOPPA DUKES

The Dukes' Easter gift to you will be their affair extraordinaire, entitled "Fashions — Heavenly Inspired," at the Club Ebony, 500 Beale ave., Easter Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

It is a fashion show designed with you in mind.

Come prepared to tune your ears to the sensational tunes of the King's Men; to observe the interpretive dancing style of Benjamin Kelly; to sway to the mambo beat of BTW's Mambo chorus under the direction of Mrs. Bable Jenkins; thrill to the soulful singing of Francis Burnett, and be enchanted by unique modeling tricks displayed by Memphis' most beautiful and talented fashion models, featuring mystery and magic with the Mysterious Voice. The show is produced and directed under the keen eyes of WDIA's Martha Jean (Steinberg).

# Chicagoan Sentenced To Life For Rape Is Freed

The prospect of spending the rest of his life in prison no longer hangs over 31-year-old Harold Miller. But he is unlikely to forget his experience as an inmate of the Illinois State Penitentiary since June 15, 1952—sent there on a life sentence on the testimony of a woman who claimed he assaulted her.

It's all a memory now, though. Miller is free again — with the State's Attorney's office having decided not to go through with a new trial ordered by Superior Court Judge John A. Sbarbaro in Chicago.

Miller said only one thing marred his happiness. Jimmy McGuire wasn't here to see his faith in Miller's innocence vindicated. He died last year.

## Montgomery Minister Fights Church Ouster

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — (INS) — A leader of the Montgomery bus boycott said Monday he would fight to retain his pastorate, from which he charged "outsiders" were seeking his ouster.

The Rev. U. J. Fields was charged with disorderly conduct Sunday when, a deacon of the church said, he refused to accept a vote of the congregation dismissing him.

The Rev. Fields was a witness for the state last week in the trial of the Rev. M. L. King, who was convicted of urging the long boycott of Montgomery city buses as a protest to segregated seating laws.

Fields was voted out as pastor of the Bell Street Baptist church, Deacon George Durden said, "in the interest of peace and harmony."

But the minister charged that "pressure was put on some of my parishioners from outside." He said the vote on his release was taken at a meeting attended largely by members of "a faction in my church who disagree with my progressive views on current issues."

Durden swore out the warrant.

## Miss Lucy Weds Cleric On April 22

DALLAS, Tex. — (INS) — Autherine Lucy, expelled from the University of Alabama after student riots were set off when she attempted to attend classes as the southern school's first Negro student, plans an April wedding in Dallas.

She announced last Thursday the date of her marriage to Rev. H. C. Foster, 27, a Butler college student and pastor of two Texas churches, on April 22.

She said Rev. Ernest Estell, pastor of St. John's Baptist church, will perform the ceremony in his Dallas church.

Miss Lucy said she plans to continue her efforts to re-enter the University of Alabama after her marriage, but that she may try to enter the University of Texas.

The coed and clergy student met five years ago when he was a sophomore at Miles college in Birmingham and she was a senior.

Of her plans to press her case at the University of Alabama, Foster, said, "I am in firm agreement with her."

## Piano Recital

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Thomas Kerr, Baltimore composer, was presented in a piano recital Thursday and Friday in DeForest chapel on the campus of Talladega college here.



A PORTION OF BIG CROWD which attended the PTA program sponsored at Eads Ele-

mentary school, Eads, Tenn., on Sunday, March 18. The theme of the program was "A

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of influence of the Negro minister today it is noteworthy that many of the religious leaders shown above are still actively on the scene. Recognize any of them? On the front row, among others are the late Reverends J. L. Campbell, and Fuller; Rev. Roy Love is on

the left end of the front row. Do you see Rev. A. L. McCargo and Rev. A. McEwen Williams? Who else do you recognize? Picture was taken by Hooks Brothers at First Baptist church (Lauderdale) when it was located on what was St. Paul ave. Remember?



**SUPREME LIBERTY LIFE** Insurance company staff members representing the Nashville and Memphis agencies and visiting executives from Chicago pause during their Public Relations Banquet held Friday, March 23, in the Lounge of Universal Life Ins-

urance company. Front row: Miss J. Bell, Nashville; Walter Goodman, Mrs. Johnson, J. G. Ish, Chicago vice-president, Earl Dickerson, Chicago, president and main speaker, L. G. Wheeler, Miss

G. Dostry, Mrs. G. Greenwood, Mrs. M. Harris, Nashville; 2d row: Miss J. Jenkins, Nashville, W. Contrell, staff manager, Nashville, W. Council, W. E. Trammell, district manager, Nashville; R.

L. Duvall, C. L. Meriweather, E. R. Richardson, Nashville, D. Stewart, regional supervisor, eastern area; Douglas L. Isabel, regional supervisor, and Homer Rarr, Nashville. (Withers Photo)

## Supreme Liberty Life Sponsors Banquet In Universal Life Lounge

By EMOGENE WATKINS

A cross section of insurance persons and citizens of varied business and professional fields were present on Friday evening, March 23, when the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company entertained at a Public Relations Banquet at the Universal Life Insurance company lounge.

Main speaker of the evening was Atty. Earl B. Dickerson of Chicago, and president of the Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company who spoke from the theme, "Negro Life in the Contest of the May 17 decisions." He eloquently addressed the audience on the trend of development among Negroes in the professions from the earliest periods . . . tracing the history of the "Separate but Equal" doctrine as handed down in the decision in the case, Plessy vs. Ferguson back in 1896, and how it has affected the business and professional status of the Negro. He outlined very clearly the implications of the May 17 decisions and said, "In the climate of 1956 when the world is looking to the

U. S. for fulfillment of the principles of democracy . . . the Supreme Court will establish the formula for vestige." He encouraged those present to begin thinking in terms of competition with all business, not just within a restricted group.

**IMPORTANT ENDEAVORS**  
Atty. Dickerson, nationally known for his leadership in FEPC and NAACP circles among numerous other important endeavors, was introduced by J. W. Ish, Jr., of Chicago, vice president of the board of Supreme Liberty Life Insurance company. Toastmaster on this occasion was Douglas L. Isabel.

President A. Maceo Walker of Universal Life Insurance company, and the National Insurance Agency, spoke in behalf of those organizations in greeting the guests present. In referring to the importance of having strength in such organizations, he said, "We cannot build an organization unless you build the people in it."

President Hollis F. Price of Le Moyne college gave brief remarks to the group. Also at the speakers table were L. H. Twigg, president of Union Protective Insurance company; B. G. Olive, Universal; L. G. Wheeler, of Supreme Liberty; Rev. B. T. Hunt, W. E. Trammell, mgr. of Nashville office, Supreme Liberty; E. V. Payne, manager of Memphis office, Supreme Liberty; Rev. S. A. Owen, Dave Stewart, Supreme Liberty, and H. A. Gilliam, Universal.

**OTHER GUESTS**  
Other guests included A. P. Dumas, president of North Carolina Mutual, T. J. Marzette of Mammoth Life, Rev. J. A. McDaniel, Atty. H. T. Lockard, Jesse H. Turner of Tri State Bank, Rev. S. H. Herring of St. Paul Baptist church,

L. O. Swinger, executive secretary of YMCA; Rev. D. S. Cunningham, Collins Chapel, Dr. N. M. Watson, Dr. A. R. Flowers, Dr. W. W. Gibson of Le Moyne College, Prof. Floyd L. Bass of Le Moyne College, Rev. A. McEwen Williams; Dr. C. M. Roulhac, L. C. Sharpe, Universal, O. W. Pickett, Sawyer Realty company, Raymond Tisby, editor of Memphis World, Atty. A. A. Lattin, Atty. B. F. Jones, Atty. B. L. Hooks, Luke Weathers, Atty. J. F. Estes, O. L. Brandon of Le Moyne College, and Mrs. Addie G. Owen, executive secretary of YWCA.

### Shower To Aid Crump Hospital

A kitchen recreation shower will be sponsored by DeVoue Bridge club members for benefit of the new E. H. Crump Memorial hospital on Easter Sunday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the hospital. All of their friends are invited to attend.

About 23 per cent of the bituminous coal produced in the U. S. is surface-mined, while in Great Britain only 6 per cent is recovered that way.

## Holy Week Services Underway At Kennedy

Holy Week, a series of services centered around the "coming of Christ" is being observed at the Kennedy Veterans hospital. The observation began on Palm Sunday with the blessing of palms and distribution of them to the patients. Chaplain L. A. Thigpen spoke on the subject "Interpreting What We See."

Rev. S. A. Owen, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist church, was a guest speaker on Monday. The Melrose High school choir furnished the music.

On Tuesday, Rev. H. C. Bunton of Mt. Olive Cathedral delivered the message. Music was rendered by the Manassas High school choir.

The sermon on Wednesday was presented by the Le Moyne college chaplain, Rev. L. A. Arnold. Douglas High school choir sang. This Thursday, Rev. D. M. Grahm of Centenary Methodist officiated. Music was furnished by the



**PARADE DETAILS** for the Veterans Benefit Inc., first Easter Day Parade are mapped by this program committee. The parade, featuring Army and Air Force Reserve units, the Mallory Knights and cars from various clubs, will start at 3:30 p. m. Easter at Fourth and Butler and move to the organization's new

home at 860 Vance. The Women's Auxiliary is cooperating with the Veterans in sponsoring a tea and egg hunt after the parade. Seated: Mrs. Theresse Williams, Mrs. Hannah Bailey, Mrs. Cora Banks, president; Mrs. Frances Estes, Mrs. Edna Cunningham, chairman of decorations, and Mrs. Rosie Lee Burnette. Standing:

William Wingfield, co-chairman; Henry Calahan, assistant secretary; George N. Carter, program director; Mrs. Etta Mae Phillips, program; Harry L. Strong, general chairman of the Veterans Day parade. E. Holmes, general secretary, is not seen. (Coleman Photo.)

## The Pulpit Speaks

By REV. C. THOMAS PAIGE

"WHY NOT GO OUT ON A LIMB. THE FRUIT IS OUT THERE ISN'T IT?"

So reads a quotation on a local business on one of our main streets. Thousands of people pass this place every day and many have failed to see it and many who have read it have gone on their way without being moved or encouraged to do something. But as I read it it carried a pregnant meaning for me. It challenges the thinking people and no real person could read it without feeling a desire to do something. To me this sign is saying, "Why not venture out, rewards await those people who will take a chance or move out into a realm of the unexpected."

### GRAVE TIMIDITY

We live in a day of grave timidity. Men are timid to the extent that they are too timid. There is something springing up in this generation that makes me tremble. Instead of the venturesome, exploratory spirit of days that have passed and gone we find people who are willing to put up with anything as long as they can get by. We live in a day when too many men are looking for something behind which they can hide.

Go down any street, if you don't believe me and ask the first five young men you meet, "If you had a choice to marry a nice young lady who could bring you all the joys of family life and all that it embraces or an old woman with a plenty of money, which would you marry?" I dare say that three and one half of them would choose the latter. The same thing is true of our young women.

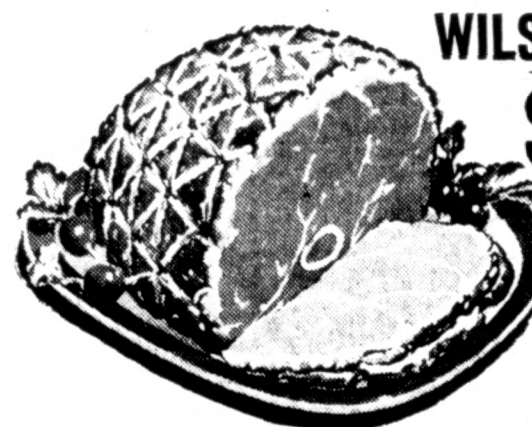
The teachings of a few generations ago produced workers and now our modern teachings are leading us to a generation of shirkers. Once again we must find that which we have lost and place it back into our pattern of teaching that our young people may come out filled with a zeal to venture out.

### THE ALSO RANS

Ever so often I hear parents saying, "I don't want Johnny to come up as I did." "I went without this or without that. I did not know what real pleasure was." Maybe not, but in the whole process of denying yourself you learned an even greater lesson. You learned how to hold back on some things until the time was ripe for the venture.

I wonder if in the time of being deprived of these things that we were brought to the place in life where we were willing to venture out and get something that we wanted in life. Time and time again in my life I have come in contact with young people who did not get an education because they did not have clothing like other people. But on the other hand I have seen young people for whom neither of these things meant anything. They had an ultimate goal — a goal of getting an education or accomplishing an

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## Rites Held For Mrs. B. Austin

Mrs. Birdia Austin of 515 Williams ave., died Wednesday morning, March 21, at John Gaston hospital, after being ill four weeks. Mrs. Austin was a member of Salem Gilfield Baptist church, Rev. A. L. McCargo, pastor, and a member of the White Rose club. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at her church, Rev. McCargo officiating.

Surviving Mrs. Austin are her children, Nathaniel Austin of Memphis; Mrs. Velma Williams of Minneapolis, Minn.; five grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

There are 40 mountain peaks in the Great Smokie mountains more than one mile high. Sixteen peaks exceed 6,000 feet in elevation.

too afraid of getting hurt physically. People will not do what they know is right because they are afraid of being left out. The moral and spiritual integrity of yesterday is past and gone. Somewhere in the dim unknown a voice is crying out, "Return on Heavenly dove return, with all thy quickening power. Kindle a flame of kindred love in these cold indifferent hearts of ours?"

The life of today demands that we go out on the limb. If life is ever going to mean anything to us we are going to have to venture out a little further, suffer a little more, and deny ourselves a little more. Yes, why not go out on the limb, the fruit is out there isn't it!!





## CHURCH NOTES

### ST. STEPHEN BAPTIST

The Easter program at the St. Stephen Baptist church Sunday will be held immediately after the Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. F. L. Stephens is the superintendent.

A sermon will highlight the morning worship at 11 a. m. Rev. O. C. Crivens, the pastor, will deliver the sermon. Music will be rendered by the combined choirs.

St. Stephen visits with the Gospel Temple Baptist congregation at 3 p. m. Rev. Crivens will be guest speaker. The host pastor is Rev. C. T. Epps.

Baptist Training Union convenes at 6:30 p. m. Rev. Joseph Wilson, Jr., is the director. The evening service will be held at 7:30.

MARTIN TEMPLE CME Services will begin at 5 a. m. Sunday, in accordance with the annual Easter observance at Martin Temple CME church. A music-

al will be presented by the choirs.

The Sunday school, under the supervision of Miss Anna Jean Goodloe, commences at 9:30 a. m. Rev. L. A. Storey, the pastor, will officiate during the morning service at 11 a. m.

Easter program will start at 3 p. m. Miss Marie Bradford will be in charge.

A "Resurrection Tea" will be sponsored by the Geraldine Sims Circle in the basement of the church from 4 p. m. to 7 p. m. The Geraldine Sims Circle is a part of the Missionary Society.

Mrs. Rosalie Lee is president of the Missionary Society. Communion will be administered during the evening service.

Mrs. Geraldine Sims is the church reporter.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Mrs. Elise Howell will supervise First Baptist Church's Easter pro-

gram at 3 p. m. Youths of the church will participate.

Marvel Cotton will conduct the Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The pastor, Rev. Van J. Malone, will preside during the service at 11 a. m.

The Baptist Training Union will be directed by Cornelius Sanders at 6:30 p. m. Regular service will be held at 8 p. m.

Miss Janet Lewis is the church reporter.

ST. JAMES A.M.E.

The Sunday school and junior choir will present its Easter program at 7:30 a. m. Mrs. Beulah Mayon, Mrs. H. M. Nelson, E. Lang, Arnette Syah and William Jackson will be in charge.

Sunday school convenes at 9:15 a. m. The pastor, Rev. H. McDonald Nelson, speaks at 11 a. m. The A.C.E. League will be held at 6 p. m.

Communion will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Thelma McKissie is the church reporter.

GREATER WHITE STONE Easter Sunday's worship at Greater White Stone Baptist church will be climaxed by a revival at 8 p. m.

Superintendent Joseph McGhee, Jr., will conduct the Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The pastor, Rev.

## Mayor Denies This Report From Demos

Possibility of a Negro's being included on the slate of candidates for the Tennessee Legislature was being discussed last week following a meeting of so-called Old Line Shelby Democrats.

Unnamed sources were quoted saying they were of the opinion that supporters of Mayor Edmund Orgill will enter a slate of legislative candidates in the coming election, with the possibility of one or more Negroes on the ticket.

However, Mayor Orgill is reported to have said that he knows of no plans by his supporters to get up a legislative ticket.

The meeting of the Old Line Shelby Democrats was described by some sources as a get-together of former supporters of the E. H. Crump organization. County and city commissioners reportedly were in attendance. Mayor Orgill was not invited.

The group voted to support interposition by the State of Tennessee against the United States Supreme Court decision on segregation.

## College Choir At Pentecostal Sunday

The Arkansas AM and N college choir will appear in recital at Pentecostal Temple, of 229 Wellington, Sunday April 1 at 3 p. m. The public is invited. Bishop J. O. Patterson is pastor.

## New Farmers Participate In Contest

District 6 and 7 of the New Farmers of America organization of Shelby County Schools held its annual Livestock judging contest at the Shelby County Penal Farm on Thursday, March 22 with the following schools participating: E. A. Harold, Woodstock, Mt. Pisgah, Barretts Chapel and Geeter. Three New Farmers from each school chapter participated in the contest.

The classes of livestock judged were: dairy cattle, beef cattle and swine. Also there were two classes of hens for egg production.

In district 7, Mt. Pisgah teams won first place. Barretts Chapel won first place in district 6. The

## Headliner Week Set At Lincoln

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City, Mo., and Central high school newspaper and yearbook will get a working-over at the eighth annual Headliner Week interscholastic press workshop at Lincoln university, April 18-21.

High school student journalists from Missouri and neighboring states will be attending the annual four-day integrated sessions that the Department of Journalism conducts for teen-age editors, reporters, business managers and advertising solicitors.

Each student gets individual attention from one of a battery of instructors engaged for the workshop. Specialists from Kansas university, Central high school in high point boy was L. V. Powell. Billy Joe Anderson won second place for Barretts Chapel.

A set of souvenirs have been collected from various industries and businesses for distribution to the students and their advisers.

Opening the workshop sessions on the first evening will be the annual Headliner Banquet, where awards to high school student writers and photographers will be presented.

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**STRAWBERRY FILLING**

- 1 quart of strawberries
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon confectionery sugar
- 1-8 teaspoon nutmeg

Wash and hull strawberries. Mix 1 cup water and sugar together. Bring to boil quickly; then reduce heat and cook gently 15 minutes. Mix the cornstarch and the remaining water to form a paste. Then add to the cooked strawberries. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thick and clear. Strain and cool. Beat cream stiff. Fold in the confectioners' sugar. Spread one half of whipped cream in bottom of baked pie shell. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Put 3 cups of hulled strawberries on top of the whipped cream. Pour over the strawberry glaze. Chill for three hours in the refrigerator. Just before serving, spoon the remaining whipped cream over the glazed strawberries.

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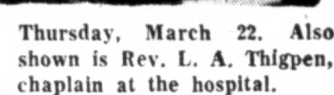


(Special to Defender)

Dr. Godfrey W. Hawkins of Miami, Fla., phoned just to say that everything was in order and that his "neck of the woods" was

a select group of high school teenagers had a glimpse of our "spirit" in her initial fashion appearance. It seems that a "squeeze appearance" must be arranged so

Among those who have visited the "Spirit" who wish her well and get a wardrobe preview are: Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Thomas, Ray Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Nelson, Richard Stewart, Miss Lula Watson, Miss Carrie Smith, Melvin Sonley, and a group of Zo-zo members.



program in a beautifully decorated cafeteria. Among the many guests present were Prof. and Mrs. S. C. Harris, principal of Mr. Pisgah P. T. A. president, and principal of Eads Elementary school; Ernest Brazze, county agent, Prof. J. S. Mebane, vocational-agricultural instructor at Mount Pisgah High School, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Harris, Mt. Pisgah P. T. A. president, and wife; Mrs. Edna Jones, music director of Greenwood CME church; Mrs. Mary D. Louellen;

A sand scoop caused the death last Thursday of Coy Mytt, 39-year-old construction worker employed by the Lehman-Roberts Construction Co.

Mr. Mytt was killed in mid-afternoon when he was struck on the head with the steam shovel scoop. The ascending scoop was loaded with sand when it knocked Mr. Mytt face down in the steel bed of a railroad car.

The incident occurred at the firm's offices at 1098 Wilson where

sand was being unloaded from a railroad car. It was Mr. Mytt's job to signal the shovel operator when to drop his scoop.

The victim lived at 2737 Waverly.

singing style in show business. She has canceled all future engagements, for which she had been booked solidly up to January, 1957.

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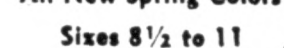
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## AN ECONOMIC LYNCHING

# Here Is How The South Breaks The Back Of An 'Uppity N----r'

By LLOYD GENERAL

The brother of the top NAACP official in Mississippi was in Chicago this week, an unemployed fugitive from a three-year campaign of harassment that destroyed his \$25,000 business and left him more than \$500 in debt. He was the victim of an economic lynching.

He is 33-year-old James Charles Evers, who arrived in Chicago Sunday from Philadelphia, Miss. His brother is Medger Evers, Mississippi field secretary for the NAACP.

Three years ago, Evers was a prosperous young businessman. He owned an undertaking establishment, a hotel, two cafes and the town's only taxi line for Negroes.

Now, all that is gone—because he dared urge Negroes in Mississippi to register and vote. Under mounting pressure, Evers was forced to flee Mississippi with his wife and three small girls.

They have moved into a flat at 1851 S. Hamlin with his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan, and their mother, Mrs. Jessis Evers.

Evers' story is an all-familiar tale of what happens to Negroes in Mississippi who try to exercise their rights of citizenship.

The trouble began when Evers, a disc jockey on radio station WHOC in Philadelphia urged other Negroes to vote. To set an example, he tried three times to register.

At first, he was told by the clerk, Burdett Richardson, that he would have to recite the U.S. Constitution. Unable to perform this task, Evers gave interpretations of four amendments.

Richardson was still unsatisfied. He demanded that Evers recite verbatim the first ten amendments to the Constitution. Unable to comply, Evers was still undaunted. He went home and returned within the week, ready to recite the amendments.

But he never got a chance to put his new-found knowledge to use. He related the words of Richardson:

"I hear you have been saying some damn smart talk about me. Now get out before I..."

Evers left, but his troubles were not over. In fact, they had just begun.

First, his taxi licenses were revoked; then the lease on his cafeteria was cancelled. Advertisers began to boycott station WHOC, his sponsors were forced to drop the show and finally Evers quit.

There was more. Guests in Evers hotel were warned that the building might be blown up. Negroes who were members of his burial insurance plan were told to quit or lose their jobs.

Then came the final blows. One day Mrs Evers was driving one of her husband's hearses when

it was struck from the side by a car driven by a white man, who quickly admitted being at fault.

The matter would have ended there, but for pressure brought to bear on the white man to file suit against Evers. The result was a \$500 judgement against Mrs. Evers.

There was another accident in which Evers' car was struck by another vehicle driven by a white woman. When the chief of police arrived on the scene, the woman said Evers' car was standing still when it was struck.

But the chief—and the town's mayor—would have none of such confessions. They publicly stated that this was an opportunity for which they had been waiting more than three years.

The upshot of it all was that Evers was fined \$84 for "reck-

less driving." And the mayor declared—for good measure—that no Negro in Mississippi was fit to vote.

Evers tells of his futile attempts to borrow \$4,000 to save his business, which were valued at more than \$25,000. He tells also of filing a complaint with the FBI, informing them that Mississippi's Fifth Congressional District has no Negro voters.

And he relates sadly how the FBI conducted an investigation, and declared there was "not enough evidence" to warrant action. The NAACP has also been unable to get action in the case.

In Chicago, James Charles Evers said this week that he wants to forget the nightmare he has lived through.

"All I want is a job—any kind of job," said the graduate of Alcorn A. and M. College.

He is being helped by the Rev. A. Lincoln James, pastor of the Greater Bethesda Baptist church, who hopes to find Evers a job with a Chicago undertaking establishment.

"But," said Rev. James, "if anyone knows where Evers can find employment, they can contact me or the Defender or call Evers at R0ckwell 2-5804."



JAMES EVERS

## Mo. Senator Asks Rights Via Law

PHILADELPHIA—Giving equal rights to all American citizens without regard to race, color or religion will have a great bearing on this country's victory or defeat in its conflict with Communist imperialism around the world, U. S. Sen. Thomas C. Hennings, Jr., (D-Mo.) told the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick here Sunday.

Senator Hennings said the two national problems of Communist aggression abroad and the maintenance of constitutional rights at home are so complicated and serious that solving them will test the ablest thinking of the American people.

Senator Hennings said he believed that the best answer to manifestoes against the equality of all citizens under Federal law would be action by Congress to strengthen its protection.

In this connection he said he hoped for adoption of four bills which as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights he has forwarded, with Subcommittee approval, to the Judiciary committee.

The four bills are: (1) A bill to protect the voting rights of all citizens in Federal elections and primaries; (2) a bill to establish new civil rights enforcement machinery in the Attorney General's office; (3) one to extend protection against bodily attack to all members of the armed forces; and (4) a new anti-lynching bill.

New York ranks first in the production of tale and gypsum.

## Church Board To Seek Better Music, Singers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Rev. Daniel L. Ridout, administrative secretary of the Baltimore Area of The Methodist Church, was one of the ten specialists in the field of church music called by the Department of the Local Church of the Methodist Board of Education, to confer on improving the quality of church music and musicians.

Other members of the group included Professors Ed Moyer of Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Md.; William Rice of Baker university, Baldwin, Kan.; and Austin Lovelace of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; and Dr. Earl Harper of the University of Iowa; Cecil Lapo of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mrs. Madeline Ingram of Lynchburg, Virginia; Fred Loller of Baton Rouge, La., and Dr. Roy Burt of the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

Plans were made for institutes of Church Music at Mt. Sequoia, Ark., Lake Junaluska, N. C., and Looming college, Williamsport, Pa., this summer. All of the institutes will be interracial.

## Prof. HERMAN

THE ASTRONOMER

SUPERFICIAL LIVING  
Why should your life assume the superficial? You like your successful friends can have the

warmer, kinder, lovable qualities of existence which will bring a bigger, fuller meaning to living. A superficial life shows an undeveloped personality, an empty mind, a barren soul, a loveless character. Showing positive vibrations in living, portrays a spiritual rather than a material slant in your thinking. When you live a useful life and become a factor in the Eternal pattern of living, you are definitely a disciple, bringing a message of Hope to your fellowmen.

Dear Prof. Herman: I received on my birthday, a very expensive gift from my fiancé, I feel that so much money spent like this will hinder our getting ahead in the future. Should I tell him how I feel about such expensive gifts.

ANS. Men give gifts for several reasons. Quite often it is a way of easing a troubled conscience; again it shows to your circle of friends a certain sort of worldly success which inflates the masculine ego. Love is very seldom shown in an expensive gift. True love does not need gifts to keep it alive. Talk to your fiancé and tell him the growth of your love through the years ahead, does not depend on lavish giving.

Dear Prof. Herman: My next door neighbor has a lot of company, which at times is very annoying to us. They are very loud in their talking. Should I talk to them about this? Worried.

ANS. As long as no abusive language or no violence is used, and they do not disturb you late at night; you have no right to interfere in their living. We all have different tones of voices. Think, you might have some trait that they dislike too.

## Queen Reigns As 'Queen' Of Bennett May Court

GREENSBORO, N. C. — Although she has literally been a "queen" since birth, the 1956 "May Queen" at Bennett college will take on a new role

when she reigns over the traditional May Day Court on Saturday, May 5.

This year's ruler is Miss Queen Esther Farrish, of Roxboro, who won by a close vote over Miss Joyce Dobson of Hurluck, Md., in the campus-wide voting.

Miss Farrish, a home economics major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Farrish and is a graduate of Person County High school. She plans a teaching career. For the past two years, she has been an outstanding model in campus fashion shows.

A sister, Pearl, is also a member of this year's graduating class.

Miss Paula Edmunds, of Cincinnati, Ohio, captured the top campus post — president of the Student Senate for 1956-57 — in the elections.

An English major and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edmunds, she succeeds Miss Loretta Free of Greensboro.

Elected to serve in her cabinet were: Misses Blondelle Reid, Greensboro, secretary; Dorothy Harris, Greensboro, treasurer; and Deloris Alexander, Winston-Salem, parliamentarian.

## Seeks Brother Gone 5 Years

Mrs. Eloise Poke is seeking the whereabouts of her brother, James Warren Jackson, who has been missing since 1950.

The last local address Jackson had was 3606 Prairie ave. Mrs. Poke told the Defender this week that her brother disappeared mysteriously one day in 1950 and all efforts of the police and others to ascertain his whereabouts have been futile.

However, she is renewing her efforts to find him because of their father, Charlie Jackson, of Birmingham who is anxious to see his son again.

Anyone knowing anything of James Jackson is urged to telephone Mrs. Poke at Livingston 8-6831, or write her at 1139 E. 43rd st.

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## OBSERVATIONS

by Charles L. Browne

### To The Lonely Warrior

Sleep in peace O lonely warrior... May your rest be ever sweet When you enter heaven's foyer... May you find there perfect peace... You who came up from the shadows... Fought the hard and bitter fight... Always sought to place a ladder... From the darkness to the light... Within your heart a dream was born... Some 50 years ago... To keep this lonely dream alive... You toiled to make it so... A dream, some said was quite far fetched. Impossible, some cried... And while the world sat back and scoffed You fought a tireless fight... So sleep in peace O friend of man... And may your rest be sweet... Perfect peace within God's hand for... A job well done, complete.

### Drawings of Prof Doodle



DRINKING IN THE STREETS IS ONE THING AND LITTERING UP IS ANOTHER... BOTH OF THEM ARE BAD! NOW PICK UP THAT BOTTLE! THIS IS TO REMIND YOU NOT TO DO EITHER AGAIN!



WHAT NERVE! WHO WUZ THAT GUY? HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN WORKIN' HERE?



HE WAS JUST GIVIN' ME A HAND -- HE'S NEVER WORKED HERE!





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## Our Opinions

### The Political Picture

Every election year some editorial writers write learned essays on this being a "year of decision." Certainly this election year of 1956, more than most others, deserves this descriptive phrase.

This is true primarily because we seem to be on the verge of a major shift in political alignments. Our reporters, and many samplers of public opinion, have indicated that the so-called Negro vote, which has been overwhelmingly Democratic in recent years may switch horses in 1956.

Such a shift would have enormous repercussions in both major parties. Some commentators believe that it would spell the end of the Democratic Party as the majority party in the United States. Some liberals among the Democrats insist that a Third Party created by Southerners will make its bow by convention time and the Negroes who are now disgusted will find the Democratic Party as acceptable as ever. The latter discount the talk of a major shift.

At his press conference recently, President Eisenhower indicated that while he was not concerned about so-called blocs, Negro or otherwise, if Negroes came into the Republican party like other Americans, he would welcome them "with open arms." His lieutenants, however, have been diligently at work among Negro leaders and a

mass return of Negroes to the Republican Party has become a definite objective for 1956.

As we review the straws in the wind, we recognize that the groundwork for a major shakeup in political alignments of Negroes and liberals is being made. Whether it comes off or not depends upon the Democratic high command. If they are unable to get the worst types of Dixiecrats off their backs, the Democrats will be runners-up this year.

Typical of the confusion among the Democrats is the Stevenson upset in Minnesota. Sen. Kefauver demonstrated that the so-called "organization" Democrats do not have any control over the voters nor do they have the influence normally attributed to them. If this condition prevails in the big Democratic bailiwicks of the North, anything can happen at the Democratic convention.

Two things, therefore, are clear. First, the season is open for political upsets all across the board. Secondly, a major realignment of the so-called Negro vote, which in a large measure represents the balance of power, is almost certain, unless the Democrats can free themselves of the Dixiecrat leaders. Finally, to trot out again a favorite editorial phrase, this is the "year of decision."

### Missing The Boat

We've been wondering what's going to be accomplished by the boycott trial in Montgomery.

In the first place the regimental indictments and the subsequent trial of Rev. Martin L. King, head of the Montgomery Improvement Association, seems to us a waste of time and money.

Though Rev. King's trial has dragged on a week, we assume that those of the other 90 defendants can be disposed of more quickly. But at one day, it will take three months to exhaust the list of persons indicted.

But none of this is getting any closer to a solution of the basic problem. For even as Rev. King was on trial, buses were still being boycotted.

Should Rev. King be convicted, it will have no bearing on the boycott. Further, his conviction will prove nothing since it is a certainty that it will be appealed to higher courts up to the U.S. Supreme court in Washington.

More time and money wasted, and still

no end to the boycott.

The demands of the MIA are certainly reasonable. Courteous or, at the least, civil treatment is due any human being, and during the trial it was brought out by a bus official that the first come, first served basis of seating is no violation of any jim crow statute.

The determination of the white man in some areas of the South to pile humiliation upon humiliation on the Negro can be the factor that completely destroys his nice little jim crow society.

The issue of intra-state jim crow would not have arisen at this time, had the bus and city officials been willing to give the Negro citizens the modicum of respect they ask. They had not attacked the jim crow system, they simply wanted to modify it.

The late Lucius Harper had a saying: "It is better to be thought a fool than to open your mouth and confirm it."

The southern white man has certainly been opening his mouth wide.

## What The People Say

### Automatic Lunches

DEAR EDITOR: In order to help fight segregation, it is very important to have a weapon with which to fight. Working and financial power is one sure way of offering a competitive demand. I am an inventor holding the patent rights to a "Food Vending Machine" that dispenses box lunches and pie by push button selection, known as an oven. I am making this appeal because I hope to keep the ownership completely by Negroes.

This is a large enterprise and a board of directors are very necessary. To become a board member capital is important to comply with the California regulations of Inc. Your investment will entitle you to be a stock holder also.

Plants will be set up in all major cities in the USA and the Corporation will hire all nationalities who can qualify for what ever position there will be to offer.

Our oven will gross over \$2,000.00 for one servicing. All applications will be given due consideration by my attorney and myself. Each person will be contacted by return mail.

Please state age, sex, education, all background and amount of capital. All applications should be in as early as possible. Act at once as this is a very unusual opportunity. My attorney is Atty. M. C. Ables of San Francisco, Calif. Miss June Ragsdale, 82 Sun Valley Drive, San Francisco, Calif.

### Re: Father Divine

DEAR EDITOR: A featured article, "Off the Record," published in your Wednesday, March 7 edition carried an erroneous statement concerning Father Divine. Thousands of others and I believe and sympathize with the life and teachings of Father Divine.

If you knew Father Divine you would not publish anything other than the truth about him or accept any advertisement that is not true.

Father Divine lives and teaches the life of Jesus Christ. Such statements as published in your

paper will cause many people to stop reading the paper. It is requested that the religious beliefs of thousands, who worship God Riley, Chicago, Ill.

**Looking FORWARD**  
by R. Q. VENSON

Know the facts of life also know how to bring out a relationship. Your will and these facts constitute your greatest problem also your greatest accomplishment.

There are many things and conditions which are involved in the facts of life which complicate the problem. Folks you like also folks you dislike, favorable and unfavorable conditions, understandings and misunderstandings, there is old man circumstance who comes in and always keeps the waters of understanding muddy.

Circumstances will so attach himself to every noble thought and effort one makes to solve the problem of adjusting his will to the facts of life that you will become so confused until you will be a part of the problem.

**FACTS OF LIFE**  
What are some of the facts of life? The first fact is "You are not the only one out tonight."

There are others out tonight. The second fact is "You cannot have everything you want neither can you wish them to go." Third, the persons you dislike have something good for the whole, even you, that your working with them is the quickest way to receive this something. Fourth, no one person has all the answers. It takes all to do all; and fifth, "A contrary wind can sail your ship if you know how to set your sails and manipulate your rudder."

Another very disturbing fact of life is "Life is full of changes, and according to the dictates of their conscience be respected by your paper in the future. — Matthew

## DARK SHADOWS

by Nat D. Williams

### HOT AIR

With Summer coming up pretty soon it seems timely to bring up the subject of "hot air." There's been so much of the stuff blowing around during the winter just closing and the Spring now at hand till it looks like somebody would welcome a series of cool breezes. Hot air is too much with us.

Especially in this matter of race relations is too much "hot air" being exuded. On street corners, buses, in barbershops, beauty parlors, all around, the atmosphere is stifling with the "hot air" being blown by too many sideline quarterbacks, who would drop the ball everytime it was passed to them, if they got into a real part of the game.

There are too many folk writing too many "hot air" letters to the Editor. Most of them would be masterpieces of comedy if it weren't from the tragic attitudes from which they spring.

Of course, it can be conceded that "blowing off steam" is a sort of safety valve for the community. It permits folks to blow their tops rather safely . . . at least the "letters" do. But that can't exactly be said for the off-the-cuff venting of "hot air" one hears from word of mouth conversations in so many places. It's astounding how many experts on race relations are cropping up all over the place. They are sprouting and growing like jimson weed. And the odor they're giving off with their "hot air" is dangerous to the emotional, spiritual, mental and even physical health and well-being of the community.

It's enough for folk to have to listen to and endure the varying points-of-view of the accepted "experts," leaders, and other authorities on the subject. But when everybody starts pitching in his little nickel's worth, the going gets a bit too tough on the eardrums and one's peace of mind.

Maybe there ought to be some soapboxes set up down in Handy's Square . . . or better still, down on riverbank . . . so the "hot air" spouters can clean their flues with a "passe" of mud cats for their audience.

However, it must be further conceded that the medley of "hot air" puts a new responsibility on leadership. It means that those who are regarded as the "spokesmen" for which-ever side must be ready with something to say that can counteract the hot air blowers.

For as it is, some people, not thinking about the matter deeply enough, are prone to conclude that what the "hot air" spouters are blowing is representative of an important segment of sentiment. Some of them talk so loud and long until a lot of folk just go ahead and let them spout without trying to interest them. The result is the "hot air" they blow percolates all over the place unchallenged out in the open where it should be dispersed.

Now, at first thought, one would think that ignoring the spouting of the "hot air" blowers would silence them. But unfortunately it doesn't. The ignoring silence of the folk around them is misinterpreted by the "blowers" as respect and attention. And they get louder and longer.

So maybe, since folk are paying more attention to preachers, it might be well for some of their sermons to be angled toward the "blowers" to get them word that people don't approve of them. May be they would pay attention to the preacher when he pointed out how useless their "hot air" and how harmful it can be in causing further misunderstanding and hard feelings.

In fact, it might be well for a concerted effort to be organized among the leaders of thought and "hot air" blowers to pipe down. Or at least get the point over to them that what they're saying is something like a hound dog baying at the moon.

As it is, even young "hot air" blowers are getting in on the act. And one knows they're not responsible. Yet, there is always the chance of one hot air blower's being on hand to hear another and rush in to blow his "air" just as soon as there is blowing space. Then the whole place is cluttered up with "hot air."

## Adventures in RACE RELATIONS

**EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW**  
An eloquent testimonial of what happens when the law is applied in the South without regard to race is a news story that came to our attention last week.

Rather than retell it in our words, we present it as it came off the teletype machine for use by papers subscribing to International News Service.

### BATON ROUGE, La., March 22 — (INS) —

Pressure brought to bear on White Citizens Councils to keep Negroes from registering in a northwest Louisiana parish has resulted in eliminating white voters.

That, in effect, was disclosed today in a report filed by David Reynaud, Louisiana State Director of Voter Registration.

The report revealed: The police jury of Webster parish (county) requested Governor Robert Kennon in February to order an investigation of White Citizens Councils charges that a registrar was not heeding state registration laws.

The registrar, Mrs. Winnice P. Clements, had been requested by the jury on Jan. 3 to abide by state laws in registering voters.

The White Citizens Councils had charged that she was favoring Negroes who applied to register.

After the request for an investigation was made, Mrs. Clements began adhering to an old

seemingly-law that requires any applicant for registration to be able to read any clause in the state or federal constitutions and give a "reasonable" interpretation of it.

She said that virtually no one passed the test — white or Negro. Included among those rejected were 24 white persons, some of whom had been voting for many years.

She said that before she began adhering to the old law, she had received applications with impartiality, favoring no one, and in doubtful cases consulted with her legal advisor, the district attorney.

Mrs. Clements, who has served as registrar of Webster parish for the past 16 years, said she was "confident of complete exoneration."

Reynaud turned his report over to the State Board of Registration, headed by Kennon, today. The board has the authority to remove Mrs. Clements from her post.

The list of Negro registrants in Webster parish increased only from 1,267 to 1,483 during the six months before the last primary, Feb. 21. About 10,000 whites are listed as voters.

The White Citizens Councils are the groups which formed over the South to fight integration efforts through use of the economic boycott and other non-violent means.

## Supreme Court Decisions



## LANGSTON Hughes

### A Little Group Of Poems On The Struggle For Democracy

For many years now I have been writing poems about the determination of the Negro to become a full fledged American. Lately, with Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia on the front pages daily, a number of requests have come to me for various of these poems. With the kind permission of my publishers, I reprint some of them here.

#### I, TOO

I, too, sing America.  
I am the darker brother.  
They send me to eat in the kitchen  
When company comes, but I laugh,  
And eat well, and grow strong.  
Tomorrow, I'll sit at the table  
When company comes.  
Nobody'll dare say to me,  
"Eat in the kitchen," then,  
Besides,  
They'll see how beautiful I am  
And be ashamed —  
I, too, am America.  
But, recognizing the struggle to achieve full citizenship!

#### DEMOCRACY

Democracy will not come  
Today, this year, nor ever  
Through compromise and fear.  
I have as much right  
As the other fellow has to stand  
On my two feet and own the land.  
I tire so of hearing people say,  
"Let things take their course,  
Tomorrow is another day."  
I do not need my freedom when  
I'm dead.  
I cannot live on tomorrow's  
bread.  
Freedom is a strong seed  
Planted in a great need.  
I live here, too.

I want freedom just as you.  
And through the eyes of a child  
at a carnival I look at segregation:

#### MERRY-GO-ROUND

Where is the Jim Crow section  
On this merry-go-round?  
Mister, cause I want to ride?  
Down South where I come from  
White and colored  
Can't sit side by side.  
Down South on the train  
There's a Jim Crow car.  
On the bus we're put in the  
back —  
But there ain't no back  
To a merry-go-round!

#### WHERE'S THE HORSE FOR A KID THAT'S BLACK?

Concerning the problem of voting in the Deep South before the rise of the Citizens Councils, this poem about a young Negro's encounter with the Klan:

#### KU KLUX

They took me out  
To some lonesome place.  
They said, "Do you believe  
In the great white race?"  
I said, "Mister,  
To tell you the truth,  
I'd believe in anything  
If you'd just turn me loose."  
The white man said, "Boy, can  
it be  
You're a stand-in' there sass'n'  
me?"  
They hit me in the head  
And knocked me down.  
And then they kicked me  
On the ground.  
A klansman said, "Listen!  
Look me in the face —  
And tell me you believe in  
The great white race."  
Even a "mammy" (to use a  
white term) might sometimes  
speak her mind as in:

#### SOUTHERN MAMMY SINGS

Miss Gardner's in her yard.  
Miss Yardman's in her yard.  
Michaelmas is at the mass:  
I am gettin' tired! Lawd! I  
gettin' tired! The nations they  
fightin' and the nations they  
do fit. Sometimes I think that  
wh folks ain't worth a little bit.  
Week they lynched a colored  
boy. They hung him to a tree.  
Colored boy ain't said a thing  
we all should be free. Not mean  
to be sassy and not meanin' to  
smart—but sometimes I think  
white folks just ain't got  
heart. No M'am! Just ain't got  
heart.

Certainly the way of the plow  
on the frontiers of democracy  
not always easy:

#### DUSK

Wandering in the dusk,  
Sometimes you get lost in  
dusk —  
And sometimes not.  
Beating your fists against  
the wall.  
You break your bones  
Against the wall —  
But sometimes not.  
Walls have been known to fall.  
Dusk turn to dawn,  
And chains be gone!  
So we cling to the American  
dream and, like those who fled  
Hitlerism during the war to seek  
sanctuary on our shores, Negroes  
declare as might a:

#### REFUGEE IN AMERICA

There are words like Freedom,  
Sweet and wonderful to say.  
On my heart-strings freedom  
sings  
All day everyday.  
There are words like Liberty  
That almost make me cry.  
If you had known what I knew  
You would know why.

## DOPE and DATA

by Louis E. Martin

Not long ago I introduced you to Anthony H. Richmond who is an English sociologist and a lecturer in the Department of Social Studies of the University of Edinburgh.

His studies of color prejudice and racism, particularly in the British Commonwealth, have won him considerable attention among social scientists everywhere.

In his book "The Colour Problem" Mr. Richmond has an interesting analysis of the psychological basis of color prejudice which I believe worth sharing with you. Here are some of his findings regarding this issue:

"Most people tend to consider the alleged characteristics of their own group superior to the alleged characteristics of another group. Social psychologists call this phenomenon ethnocentrism."

"It has been shown that from the psychological point of view there is a very close connection between color prejudice, anti-semitism, fascism, xenophobia, jingoism and similar states of mind. In each case the individual expresses strong antipathy towards the members of other ethnic groups and is unwilling to admit any serious faults among the members of his own group. Sometimes this intolerance is directed against one group, such as Negroes or Jews, but often these antipathetic attitudes go together."

Here let me pause to comment that Mr. Richmond makes it clear that we would do well to be on guard against those who claim to be our friends but who expect their hatred of other groups.

The anti-semitism in our midst is more than likely just as much anti-Negro when out of our sight. This point could stand a little laboring.

Mr. Richmond states further: "Ethnocentrism, of which color prejudice is a particular instance, is essentially a psychological phenomenon and has its roots in the individual personality. Prejudicial attitudes are a means of resolving inner conflicts and of handling anxieties, the origins of which are largely unconscious."

"Ethnocentrism, therefore, is closely related to neurotic or psychotic breakdown, on the one hand, and social deviation such as crime or moral delinquency on the other."

"In a society, such as ours which is undergoing rapid social changes there is a great deal of personality disintegration and maladjustment. When conflicts cannot be dealt with externally they must be resolved within the personality itself. Successful personality integration and adjustment depend upon many things, among which the most important are satisfactory parent-child relationships in infancy and a sense of security with regard to social status in adult life."

"It is highly significant that investigations of the psychological origins of prejudice have shown that the people most inclined to be intolerant are those who feel insecure and are afraid of losing their present social status."

"Insecurity often leads to aggressiveness and this may be directed towards some socially ac-

ceptable target, such as is provided in a heterogeneous society by the existence of other cultural or racial groups. Once created unfavorable attitudes toward other ethnic groups tend to be rationalized and justified."

"The coercion of subordinate by discrimination and other means provides, in many societies, a socially accepted outlet for aggressive impulses."

The learned Mr. Richmond has confirmed in his findings many of the truths we Negroes have known all along. Our neurotic psychotic sons and daughters of the confederacy suffer from an inferiority complex that has its toric depths. They are insecure and sick mentally and they are dangerous to the nation as a whole. Short of shooting them, we have no easy solution to the problem. Maybe the Supreme Court shock treatment represents the only hope for their sanity.

### Anthology Publishes NCC Professor's Poem

DURHAM, N. C. — Miss Mary L. Bohanon, director of Thespian dramatic group at North Carolina college, has been notified that one of her poems "Acceptance" will be published in the forthcoming National Poetry Anthology.

Dr. Hartman, secretary of NPA in Los Angeles, notified the NCC professor of the acceptance of her poem. This marks the fourth year that Miss Bohanon has placed one of her poems in the Anthology.

### SO WHAT?



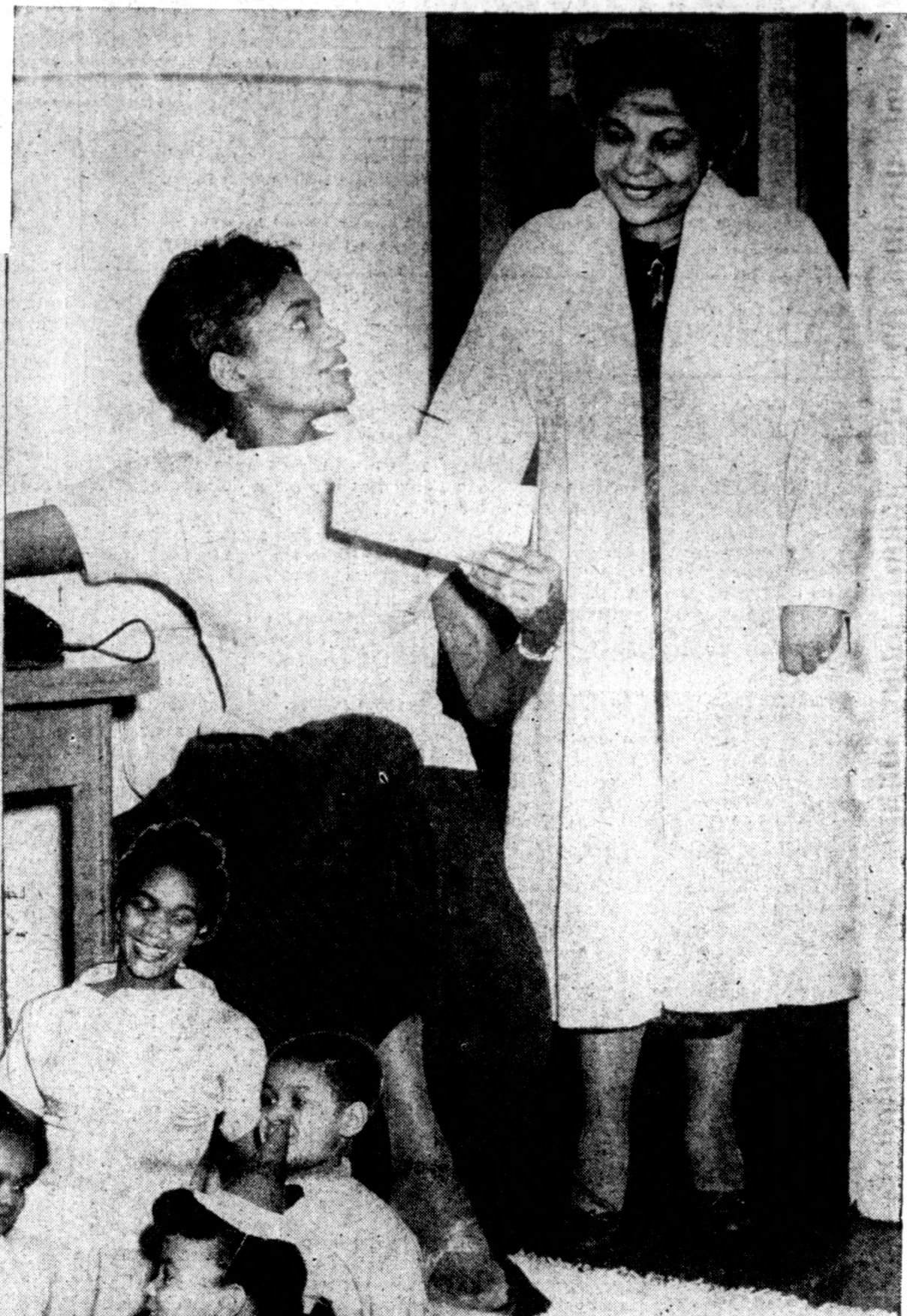
"SPRING IS HERE... LISTEN TO THE BIRDS"



# Young Nursery School Teacher's Novel Idea 'Godsend To Busy Homemakers, Career Woman Too



● A NEW AND UNIQUE service which is being hailed by mothers throughout Defenderland is Miss Wylie's Baby Sitting Service. While just a year old in Chicago it is fast attracting widespread attention. The director, Miss Mary Wylie, (above) receives requests for her services through an automatic transmitter which takes messages whether or not she is on duty.



A BABY SITTER receives final instructions from Miss Wylie before going out on assignment. Photo right: "Parties are fun" and its obvious youngsters agree with school's director (standing center).



"PETER PAN" is the delightful favorite of youngsters everywhere. Miss Wylie has the rapt attention of tiny students at the Garden Apartments Nursery school where she is head teacher of Unit I. (Story inside.)

SEWING IS one of this energetic young woman's hobbies. Here (photo above), Miss Wylie puts finishing touches on a spring suit which she designed. The talented young nursery school instructor also is interested in music.